



Complete Summary

TITLE

Preventive care and screening: percentage of patients who received an influenza immunization during the one-year measurement period.

SOURCE(S)

Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement. Clinical performance measures: preventive care and screening. Tools developed by physicians for physicians. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2003. 13 p.

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percentage of patients aged greater than or equal to 50 years who received an influenza immunization during the one-year measurement period.

RATIONALE

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and United States Preventive Services Task Force guidelines, annual influenza immunization is recommended for all groups who are considered at increased risk for complications from influenza including persons aged greater than or equal to 50 years.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Influenza immunization

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients aged greater than or equal to 50 years of age at the beginning of the one-year measurement period

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Patients who received an influenza immunization

Evidence Supporting the Measure

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence
One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Using live, attenuated influenza vaccine for prevention and control of influenza: supplemental recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices \(ACIP\).](#)

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Wide variation in quality for the performance measured

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING NEED FOR THE MEASURE

National Health Interview Survey: Data tables for figures 4.1-4.3. [internet]. Hyattsville (MD): National Center for Health Statistics; 2002 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Pilot testing

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Ambulatory Care
Community Health Care
Managed Care Plans
Physician Group Practices/Clinics
Rural Health Care

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Advanced Practice Nurses
Physician Assistants
Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Individual Clinicians

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than or equal to 50 years

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Approximately 95 million cases of influenza are reported in the United States annually.

Despite potential risks and established clinical guidelines, recent data suggest that some individuals are not receiving influenza immunization. It has been reported that:

- In 2002, only approximately 35% of adults aged 50 to 64 years had received an influenza immunization during the past 12 months.
- In 2002, approximately 67% of adults aged 65 years and older had not received an influenza immunization during the past 12 months.

EVIDENCE FOR INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Influenza. [internet]. Atlanta (GA): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2001 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

National Health Interview Survey: Data tables for figures 4.1-4.3. [internet]. Hyattsville (MD): National Center for Health Statistics; 2002 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

See "Burden of Illness" field.

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Approximately 36,000 individuals die from influenza-related complications in the United States annually.

Influenza immunizations can prevent up to 50% to 60% of hospitalizations and 80% of deaths from influenza-related complications among the elderly.

EVIDENCE FOR BURDEN OF ILLNESS

CDC finds annual flu deaths higher than previously estimated [press release]. [internet]. Atlanta (GA): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2003 Jan 7 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

Facts about influenza for adults. [internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Coalition for Adult Immunization; 2002 Jul 1 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

Thompson WW, Shay DK, Weintraub E, Brammer L, Cox N, Anderson LJ, Fukuda K. Mortality associated with influenza and respiratory syncytial virus in the United States. JAMA 2003 Jan 8;289(2):179-86. [PubMed](#)

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

The total direct and indirect costs of influenza in the United States are estimated at more than \$12 billion annually.

EVIDENCE FOR COSTS

Facts about influenza for adults. [internet]. Bethesda (MD): National Coalition for Adult Immunization; 2002 Jul 1 [cited 2003 Mar 01].

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Staying Healthy

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All patients aged greater than or equal to 50 years of age at the beginning of the one-year measurement period

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Patient Characteristic

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All patients aged greater than or equal to 50 years of age at the beginning of the one-year measurement period

Exclusions

Documentation of medical reason(s)* for not providing immunization;
documentation of patient reason(s)** for declining immunization

*Specify medical reasons (e.g., egg allergy) for not providing immunization.

**Specify patient reasons (e.g., economic, social, religious) for declining immunization.

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Patients who received and influenza immunization

Exclusions

None

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window follows index event

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Fixed time period

DATA SOURCE

Medical record

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

None

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Influenza immunization (adult).

MEASURE COLLECTION

[The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Measurement Sets](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement: Preventive Care and Screening Core Physician Performance Measurement Set](#)

MEASURE SUBSET NAME

Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement Clinical Performance Measures: Preventive Care and Screening - Adult Influenza Immunization

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Measure was not adapted from another source.

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This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Influenza Immunization (Adult)," is published in the "Clinical Performance Measures: Preventive Care and Screening." This document is available from the American Medical Association (AMA) Division of Clinical Quality Improvement Web site: www.ama-assn.org/go/quality.

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COMPANION DOCUMENTS

The following are available:

- Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement. Introduction to physician performance measurement sets. Tools developed by physicians for physicians. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2001 Oct. 21 p. This document is available from the American Medical Association (AMA) Clinical Quality Improvement Web site: www.ama-assn.org/go/quality.
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Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA), Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA); [3 p]. This document is available from the AMA Clinical Quality Improvement Web site: www.ama-assn.org/go/quality.

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